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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7,9-16 and 18-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7,9-16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

1. This office action is in response to Amendment A, mailed 03/05/2004, paper #5, which canceled claims 1-2, 8 and 17. Claims 3-7,9-16 and 18-20 are therefore still pending. All rejections and objections not explicitly repeated below are withdrawn.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 3, 7 and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3, lines 9, "one time the possible number" should be changed to –one time to the possible number--.

Claim 7, lines 8-9, "one time the possible number" should be changed to –one time to the possible number--.

Claim 12, lines 10-11, "one time the possible number" should be changed to –one time to the possible number--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The rejection of claims 3-7,9-16 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Itoi are maintained and updated as shown below.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 3-7,9-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Itoi., US 2001/0012440 A1.

Regarding claim 3, Itoi teaches that an apparatus for moving contents, comprising:

a receiver for receiving contents (it is taught as a set top box STB as shown in Fig.1);

a first storage medium (it is taught as the tuner section 12 as shown in Fig.1, col.2, section 0031) for storing the received contents (the stream data stored in the tuner section 12 as shown in Fig.1); and

a processor (it is taught as the general control section 11 in Fig.1,col.2, section 0030-0031) for processing a program which controls the movement of the contents to a second storage medium (one of storage medium such as the hard disk drive 2, the optical disk drive 3 and the VTR 4 as shown in Fig.1) by analyzing a copy control code

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of the contents (col.3, section 0041) and storing the contents in the second storage medium (col.3, section 0038, lines 3-6) by converting the copy control code of the contents according to the result of the analysis (col.3, section 0038), wherein the copy control code of the contents is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents (it is taught as the copy control code of the contents 11 is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents 10, col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14) if the copy control code is determined to indicate a restricted number of copies as a result of the above analysis (it is taught as the copy control code is 10 , that is, contents which can be copied only once) and mutual authentication is performed between the first storage medium and the second storage medium (it is taught as the general control section 11 which includes a central processing unit controls the recording apparatus connected to the set top box, col.3, section 0041, lines 10-13, CPU has to perform the mutual authentication before contents are recorded between STB and one of the recording medium 2-4).

Regarding claim 4, Itoi teaches the processor converts the copy control code of the contents to a single copy, when the contents of which the copy control code is set as no copy are moved to the second storage medium (col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14).

Regarding claim 5, Itoi teaches the processor deletes the original contents of the first storage medium after the contents move to the second storage medium (col.3, section 0038, lines 6-12).

Regarding claim 6, Itoi teaches further comprising an interface (Fig.1, digital interface section 14) for interfacing between the first storage medium and the second storage medium (col.2, section 0041, last four lines).

Regarding claim 7, Itoi teaches that a method for moving contents, comprising the steps of:

analyzing a copy control code of the contents (col.3, section 0041) when a user demands (contents inputted with the copy control code is controlled by the user) moving the contents (col.3, section 0041, last four lines) from a first storage medium (it is taught as the tuner section 12 as shown in Fig.1, col.2, section 0031) to a second storage (one of storage medium such as the hard disk drive 2, the optical disk drive 3 and the VTR 4 as shown in Fig.1); and storing the contents in the second storage medium (col.3, section 0038, lines 3-6) by converting the copy control code of the contents according to the result of analysis (col.3, section 0038), wherein the copy control code of the contents is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents (it is taught as the copy control code of the contents 11 is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents 10, col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14) if the copy control code is determined to indicate a restricted number of copies as a result of the above analysis (it is taught as the copy control code is 10 , that is, contents which can be copied only once) and mutual authentication is performed between the first storage medium and the second storage medium (it is

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taught as the general control section 11 which includes a central processing unit controls the recording apparatus connected to the set top box, col.3, section 0041, lines 10-13, CPU has to perform the mutual authentication before contents are recorded between STB and one of the recording medium 2-4).

Regarding claim 9, Itoi teaches wherein the copy control code of contents is not converted if the copy control code is determined to indicate an unrestricted number of copies (it is taught as contents inputted with the copy control code of "00" which copy-free, col.3, section 0044).

Regarding claim 10, Itoi teaches that the copy control code is converted to a single copy if the copy control code is determined to indicate no copies (col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14).

Regarding claim 11, Itoi teaches further comprising a step of: deleting original contents stored in the first storage medium (col.3, section 0038, lines 6-12).

Regarding claim 12, Itoi teaches that a method for moving contents, comprising the steps of:

reading a set value of a moving determination bit in a header of packet of the contents (it is taught as the copy control code is "00", 10" etc.) if a user demands moving contents (col.3, section 0041, lines 5-10) from a first storage medium (it is

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taught as the tuner section 12 as shown in Fig.1, col.2, section 0031) to a second storage medium (one of storage medium such as the hard disk drive 2, the optical disk drive 3 and the VTR 4 as shown in Fig.1);

judging whether the contents can be moved according to the set value (col.3, section 0041); and

moving the contents from the first storage medium to the second storage medium if the contents can be moved as the result of the above (col.3, section 0041) judgment by analyzing the copy control code of the contents (col.3, section 0038), wherein the copy control code of the contents is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents (it is taught as the copy control code of the contents 11 is converted by increasing by one time to the possible number of copies of the contents 10, col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14) if the copy control code is determined to indicate a restricted number of copies as a result of the above analysis (it is taught as the copy control code is 10 , that is, contents which can be copied only once) and mutual authentication is performed between the first storage medium and the second storage medium (it is taught as the general control section 11 which includes a central processing unit controls the recording apparatus connected to the set top box, col.3, section 0041, lines 10-13, CPU has to perform the mutual authentication before contents are recorded between STB and one of the recording medium 2-4).

Regarding claim 13, Itoi teaches further comprising a step of: deleting original contents stored in the first storage medium (col.3, section 0038, lines 6-12).

Regarding claim 14, Itoi teaches wherein the moving determination bit is set using a bit of the packet (col.5, section 0063).

Regarding claim 15, Itoi teaches wherein the step of moving is to copy the contents from the first storage medium to the second storage medium regardless of the result of judgment of the possible number of copies (col.4, section 0054).

Regarding claim 16, Itoi teaches wherein the step of moving comprises the steps of:

deleting the original contents stored in the first storage medium after storing the contents in the second storage medium by converting the copy control code of the contents (col.3, section 0038, lines 6-12) according to the result of analysis.

Regarding claim 18, Itoi teaches wherein the copy control code is not converted if the copy control code is determined to indicate an unrestricted number of copies as the result of the above analysis (it is taught as contents inputted with the copy control code of "00" which copy-free, col.3, section 0044).

Regarding claim 19, Itoi teaches wherein the copy control code is converted to a single copy if the copy control code is determined to indicate no copies as the result of the above analysis (col.3, section 0043, lines 9-14).

Regarding claim 20, Itoi teaches further comprising a step of:
copying the contents from the first storage medium to the second storage medium if the contents can not be moved by the set value (col.3, section 0043, last 6 lines).

Response to Applicant's Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3,7 and 12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. When responding to the office action, Applicant is advised to clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. He or she must also show how the amendments avoid such references or objections. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (c).

10. When responding to the office action, Applicants are advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jasmine Song whose telephone number is 703-305-7701. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 (first Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mano Padmanabhan can be reached on 703-306-2903. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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